

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 870

By Herron

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Linda Farmer, 2002
Valedictorian of Dresden High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Linda Farmer is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2002 graduating class at Dresden High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Linda has achieved outstanding academic success, and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Linda has earned an exemplary grade point average while participating in numerous scholastic, community, and extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, an accomplished musician, who has played the piano for eleven years, Linda served as a First Lieutenant in the school's Marching Band and Concert Band; her musical talent has earned her numerous Solo and Ensemble awards, the Louis Armstrong Jazz Award, and the John Phillip Sousa Band Award; she has also participated in the All-West Wind

Ensemble, the All-State Band, the UTM Honor Band, the Murray State Honor Band, and the school's Chorus; and

WHEREAS, she has been an active member of the National Beta Club; she competed and won first place as a Senior, second place as a Junior, and third place as a Sophomore at the State Convention Spelling Bee; she has also been a member of the Math Club, the Spanish Club, the Science Club, Future Teachers of America, the Student Council, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the Interact Club, Students Taking A Right Stand, and the Yearbook Staff; and

WHEREAS, Linda's intellectual skills inspired her classmates to select her as "Most Likely to Succeed" in the Senior Superlatives; she competed and won first place in the Regional Math Contest in Algebra II as a Junior, and second place in Geometry, and third place in Algebra I, and Pre-Calculus I as a Senior; she has been a participant in the Science Bowl, attended the Commonwealth Honors Academy in 2001 and the Tennessee Governor's School for the Humanities in 2000, and was a State Finalist for the United States Senate Youth Program; and

WHEREAS, Linda has the pleasure of attending and being an important part of the Community First Youth Leadership of Weakley County; she has also been honored as the County Winner of the Daughters of American Revolution's Good Citizen Award; and

WHEREAS, she has demonstrated her immense leadership skills by serving as Class Treasurer as a Senior, Reporter for the National Beta Club, Secretary of the Math Club, Vice President of the Science Club, and as a First Lieutenant of the Dresden Marching Band and Concert Band; and

WHEREAS, her academic achievements have been recognized by her inclusion in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, and her receipt of numerous other awards and recognitions throughout her academic career; and

WHEREAS, Linda evinces her faith in God as an active member of the Adams Chapel Baptist Church in Dresden, where she has served as the Assistant Organist; her community

activities included participation in a Nursing Home Ministry through her church and the Peer Power Tutoring Program at Dresden Middle School; and

WHEREAS, Linda Farmer's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; she plans to pursue a degree in piano pedagogy in college; and

WHEREAS, Linda's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Joe and Barbara Farmer, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Linda's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor 2002 Dresden High School Valedictorian, Linda Farmer, on her impressive academic achievement, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.